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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Smith V

A RESOLUTION honoring Patti LaBelle.

Whereas, Patti LaBelle is thought by many to be a living legend;

Whereas, Patti LaBelle is considered a powerful singer and songwriter who has amassed one of the broadest fan bases in the world;

Whereas, Patti LaBelle's musical roots were planted in a Baptist choir in her hometown of Philadelphia;

Whereas, Patti LaBelle began her professional career in 1960 when she and Cindy Birdsong formed the Ordettes;

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Whereas, The group expanded in 1961 to include Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash, and the name was changed to the Blue Belles;

Whereas, By 1962 Patti and her group had a Top 20 hit; and, in 1965, Labelle and her group, now known as Patti LaBelle and the Blue Belles, turned "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" into a huge hit;

Whereas, In 1974, Patti LaBelle and the Blue Belles became the first group to perform at the Met in New York;

Whereas, In 1977, Patti LaBelle left the group to begin a solo career;

Whereas, Throughout her career, Patti LaBelle has received numerous awards and recognitions of her great talent, including eight Grammy Award nominations, two Grammy Awards, seven National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Image Awards, three Emmy nominations, two American Music Awards, the Soul Train Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Black Entertainment Television's Walk of Fame Award;

Whereas, Ever the consummate entertainer, Patti LaBelle is also a dedicated humanitarian, championing such causes as adoption, foster care, Big Sisters, and the United Negro College Fund;

Whereas, Ms. LaBelle serves as a national spokeswoman for numerous organizations, including the National Medical Association, the National Minority AIDS Council's "Live Long, Sugar" campaign, the national Alzheimer's Association, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Diabetes Association;

Whereas, A diabetic herself, Patti LaBelle has been proactive in the fight against the disease that claimed her mother's life; and

Whereas, A woman of great talent and compassion, Patti



LaBelle has enriched the music world and inspired lives throughout the world through her songs, philanthropy, community service, and positive daily living: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the hours of musical pleasure and dedicated,
3 compassionate service Patti LaBelle has given to the world. Through
4 her beautiful voice, she has brightened the lives of countless people
5 throughout the world.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Patti LaBelle.

